

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

February 3, 2026

10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
Representative Rebecca Himschoot
Representative Chuck Kopp
Representative Kevin McCabe
Representative Bill Elam

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Bryce Edgmon, Vice Chair
Representative Sarah Vance

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024; supporting the continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by Executive Orders 14024, 14066, and 14068; and urging the President of the United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.

- MOVED CSHJR 29(FSH) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HJR 29

SHORT TITLE: BAN ON RUSSIAN SEAFOOD

SPONSOR(s): FISHERIES

01/23/26	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/23/26	(H)	FSH
01/27/26	(H)	FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120
01/27/26	(H)	-- Meeting Postponed to 9:00 am 1/29/26
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01/29/26	(H)	FSH AT 9:00 AM GRUENBERG 120
01/29/26	(H)	Heard & Held
01/29/26	(H)	MINUTE(FSH)

01/29/26 (H) FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120
01/29/26 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --
02/03/26 (H) FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120

WITNESS REGISTER

MATT GRUENING, Staff
Representative Louis Stutes
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Reintroduced HJR 29, Version N, on behalf of the House Special Committee on Fisheries, sponsor, on which Representative Stutes serves as chair.

BRUCE SCHACTLER, representing self
Kodiak, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified in support of HJR 29.

JEREMY WOODROW, Executive Director
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered a request during the committee hearing on HJR 29, Version N.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR LOUISE STUTES called the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Representatives Stutes, Himschoot, Kopp, McCabe, and Elam were present at the call to order.

HJR 29-BAN ON RUSSIAN SEAFOOD

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CHAIR STUTES announced that the first only order of business would be HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29, Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024; supporting the continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by Executive Orders 14024, 14066, and 14068; and urging the President of the United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production. [before the committee, adopted as a working

document on 1/29/26, was the proposed committee substitute (CS) for HJR 29, Version 34/LS1314\N, Bullard, 1/28/26.]

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MATT GRUENING, Staff, Representative Louis Stutes, Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of the sponsor, House Special Committee on Fisheries, on which Representative Stutes serves as chair. He explained that the proposed resolution would call on President Donald Trump to extend Executive Orders (EOs) 14024, 14068, and 14114 that currently prohibit the import of Russian origin seafood into the U.S. He reminded the committee that these orders were set to expire in April 2026. The resolution would further call on the President and other agencies to enhance federal enforcement of the EOs. He said that the U.S. is finally in a position where Russian origin seafood is not in domestic markets. This has had a positive impact on fishing activities in Alaska.

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CHAIR STUTES opened public testimony on HJR 29.

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BRUCE SCHACTLER, representing self, testified in support of HJR 29. He said that the last 50 years he has been a commercial fisherman in Kodiak. He thinks that this resolution might seem like a redundant thing, but it was pretty important. He said that as "iffy" as everything is regarding what might happen, it was important to let the administration know how important this proposal is to Alaska. That way when negotiations go into place for trade sanctions, the federal administration would know that a ban is supported. He said that perhaps based on Alaska's concerns maybe considerations could be made in future trade agreements.

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CHAIR STUTES, after ascertaining that no one else wished to testify, closed public testimony on HJR 29.

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CHAIR STUTES moved to adopt Amendment 1 to HJR 29, Version N, labeled 34-LS1314\N.1, Bullard, 2/2/26, which read as follows:

Page 3, line 22, following "Commerce;":

Insert "the Honorable Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative;"

REPRESENTATIVE KOPP objected for the purpose of discussion.

CHAIR STUTES explained that Amendment 1 came at the request of the industry and it would include the Honorable Jamieson Greer, the United States trade representative, to be included on the resolution. She said that Mr. Greer works on trade issues and was familiar with the issue.

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REPRESENTATIVE MCCABE remarked that he did some research on the proposed amendment. He said that previously he went into the former U.S. trade representative's website and he found that there was no mention of Alaska seafood on the website. He said that recently he did the same thing and there still was no mention of the Alaska Seafood on the website. He said that interestingly enough when scrolling through Alaska's pages, information related to Alabama comes up. He said that he wrote a letter to Mr. Greer to make this correction. He also urged the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) to write a similar letter to explain why Alaska seafood is not listed on the U.S. trade representative's website. He said this was disappointing. He said that ASMI needs to step up to ensure this.

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JEREMY WOODROW, Executive Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, said that he fully understood Representative McCabe's sentiment. He noted that ASMI would draft a letter right away.

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REPRESENTATIVE KOPP withdrew objection to Amendment 1. There being no further objection, Amendment 1 was adopted.

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REPRESENTATIVE KOPP moved to report CSHJR 29, Version 34-LS1314\N, Bullard, 1/28/26, out of committee with individual recommendations and accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHJR 29(FSH) was moved from the House Special Committee on Fisheries.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M.